

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for data transfer between a host system, a database, and a terminal server, ~~the terminal server having a geographic location~~, the method comprising:

receiving, at a host system, a terminal server identifier from a terminal server ~~having a geographic location~~;

determining a geographic location of the terminal server based on the terminal server identifier;

querying a database to identify ~~obtain~~ service data associated with the geographic location of the terminal server ~~based on the terminal server identifier~~; and

automatically sending the geographic location specific service data from the host system to the terminal server in response to a client connecting to the terminal server.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the database includes a first record that associates the terminal server identifier with the geographic location, and querying the database includes determining the geographic location based on the terminal server identifier ~~data~~ from the first record.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the database further includes a record that associates the geographic location with service data that is specific to the geographic location, and querying the database further comprises determining the geographic location specific service data based on the determined geographic location.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

establishing a data connection between the terminal server and [[a]] the client computer;
receiving the geographic location specific service data at the terminal server; and
forwarding the geographic location specific service data from the terminal server to the
client computer.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein establishing a data connection is carried out prior to receiving the terminal server identifier.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein establishing a data connection further comprises receiving a dial-up modem connection from a client computer.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the terminal server identifier comprises a network address associated with the terminal server.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein receiving the terminal server identifier further comprises receiving a data packet from the terminal server, the data packet including the terminal server network address.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the data packet includes request data received at the terminal server from the client computer, the request data identifying an information service.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 wherein querying the database further comprises querying based on the terminal server identifier and the request data; and the geographic location specific service data identified ~~obtained~~ by the query of the database is associated with both the terminal server identifier ~~data~~ and with the service identified by the request data.

11. (Currently Amended) A host system comprising:
a database including a record associating a terminal server identifier with service data specific to a geographic location;
an interface to exchange data with a terminal server situated at a geographic location via a communications link; and
a processor configured to receive the terminal server identifier from the data interface, to determine the geographic location of the terminal server based on the terminal server identifier, to query the database to identify ~~for~~ geographic location specific service data associated with the terminal server identifier, and to send the geographic location specific service data identified ~~obtained~~ by the query to the data interface for transmission to the terminal server in response to a client connecting to the terminal server.

12. (Previously Presented) The host system of claim 11 wherein:
the terminal server identifier comprises a network address associated with the terminal server; and
the interface includes packet processing circuitry to receive a data packet from the terminal server and extract the terminal server identifier from a header region of the data packet.

13. (Previously Presented) The host system of claim 12 wherein the network address comprises an internet protocol address.

14. (Previously Presented) The host system of claim 11 wherein the database includes a disk storage medium comprising a plurality of records associating terminal server identifiers with geographic locations and a plurality of records associating geographic locations with service data.

15. (Previously Presented) The host system of claim 14 further comprising a software storage media coupled to the processor, the media storing instructions to configure the processor

to query the database, instructions to retrieve geographic locations associated with terminal server identifiers and instructions to query the database to retrieve service data associated with geographic locations.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer program residing on a computer-readable medium, comprising instructions for causing a computer to:

receive a terminal server identifier from a terminal server ~~having a geographic location~~;
determine a geographic location of the terminal server based on the terminal server identifier;

query a database to identify ~~obtain~~ geographic location specific service data associated with the geographic location of the terminal server ~~based on the terminal server identifier~~; and

send the geographic location specific service data to the terminal server in response to a client connecting to the terminal server.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 16 wherein the instructions to query the database comprise instructions to query the database to determine the geographic location based on the received terminal server identifier.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 16 wherein the terminal server identifier comprises a network address associated with the terminal server.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 16 wherein the instructions to receive the terminal server identifier comprises instructions to receive a data packet from the terminal server, the data packet including a terminal server network address.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 19 wherein the data packet further comprises request data received at the terminal server from a client computer, the request data identifying a service.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer program of claim 20 wherein:
the instructions to query the database comprise instructions to query the database based on the terminal server identifier and the request data; and the geographic location specific service data identified ~~obtained~~ by the query is associated with both the terminal server identifier and with the service identified by the request data.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for data transfer between a host system, a database, and a terminal server, ~~the terminal server having a geographic location~~, the method comprising:

receiving, at a host system, terminal server identifier from a terminal server ~~having a geographic location~~;

accessing, by the host system, the geographic location of the terminal server based on the terminal server identifier;

determining, by the host system, a geographic location of the terminal server based on the terminal server identifier;

maintaining, at the host system, geographic location specific service data;

querying, at the host system, a database to identify ~~obtain~~ the geographic location specific service data associated with the geographic location of the terminal server ~~based on the terminal server identifier~~; and

automatically sending the geographic location specific service data from the host system to the terminal server, wherein the host system is a single source for accessing the geographic location of the terminal server, maintaining the geographic location specific service data, and sending the geographic location specific service data to the terminal server in response to a client connecting to the terminal server.

23. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 22 further comprising:
establishing a data connection between the terminal server and ~~[[a]]~~ the client computer;

receiving the geographic location specific data at the terminal server; and
forwarding the geographic location specific service data from the terminal server to the
client computer.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 22 wherein the terminal server
identifier includes a network address associated with the terminal server.